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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCH & Co., of WATTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 10m82

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 19th of December, 1881, at 12 o'clock Noon, at their Sales Room,

THE ANAMITE STEAMER

"L I - T A . I ."

of about 38,000 Piculs Carrying Capacity.

And,

THE ANAMITE STEAMER

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of about 4,800 Piculs Carrying Capacity.

The above Vessels are quite new; they will be SOLD as they are now lying at Yow-

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SHUN WO YUEN & Co.,

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Auctioneers

Hongkong, December 10, 1881. 10m19

ART AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Baron STILLFRIED, to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 22nd December, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Studio, Queen's Road, No. 6, next door to the Chartered Bank.

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To some of which First Prizes were award-

ed at Late Exhibitions.

PHOTO CRAYONS, COLOR & PLAIN PHOTOGRAPHS, &c., &c.

The above will be on view on Monday,

the 12th December.

TERMS.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 9, 1881. 10m22

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Hongkong, December 10, 1881.

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WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 dozen

Quarts.....\$13.

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Hongkong, December 7, 1881. 10m17

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MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

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BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

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RIGGING AND SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, December 8, 1881.

Intimations.

STEAM LAUNCHES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

THE Undersigned, being the Proprietor of the following FIVE STEAM LAUNCHES: named *Cum Loong*, *Cum Sing*, *Cum Shun*, *Cum Chow* and *Cum Oh*, now lying in Harbour, begs to inform the Public that they are always ready for Hire at a very reasonable and regular Charge either for special purposes or excursions. As regards *Cum Loong*, *Cum Sing*, *Cum Shun* and *Cum Chow*, (with the exception of *Cum Oh*, which was originally built at the expense of the Undersigned himself) they all belonged to the Company, of which Undersigned and Tung Kee were Partners. Not long ago Tung Kee ceased to share the Responsibility and Interest of the Four LAUNCHES above mentioned, and received back immediately from the Undersigned the money he had formerly invested.

The Undersigned will hereafter hold the Responsibility and Interest in all Five LAUNCHES, and will carry on business in this Colony, without any interference from Tung Kee, in the event of the Business proving remunerative.

In order to prevent future questions arising out of this Advertisement is specially published by

TOK KEE.

In a Wooden House situated at Praya Central, opposite Scott's Line.
Hongkong, November 26, 1881. de26

Intimations.

from the results hitherto obtained, it may be confidently anticipated that supporters of the New Company, as surplus profits will now be divided amongst all contributors of business, will receive a handsome return on the Premium paid by them.

For the convenience of Shareholders, arrangements will be made for the transfer of Shares in London, as well as in Hongkong, and for their registration by the Company at the Head Office in Hongkong.

It is proposed to offer Shareholders in the Old Office a preferential Allocation of Shares in the New Company to the extent of their present interest in the Capital.

Applications for Shares should be addressed to the General Agents direct or through the several Agencies of the Old Office, in the annexed form, and will be received in Hongkong, Shanghai and London until Saturday, the 24 instant, at noon.

The only Contract entered into by the Company, is with Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. as General Agents.

Copies of the above Contract, and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, may be inspected at the offices of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., and of Messrs

BRETTON & WOTTON, Solicitors to the

Company, ... TOK KEE.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1881.

FORM OF APPLICATION:

December, 1881.

To MESSRS JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents of The Canton Insurance Office, Limited, Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Incorporated in Hongkong under the Companies' Ordinance of 1865, limiting the Liability of the Shareholders to the amount of their Shares.

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—CAPITAL..... \$2,500,000.
In 10,000 Shares of \$250 per Share, \$50 per Share being paid up, viz. \$10 on Application, and \$40 on Allotment.

No further calls are intended to be made.

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General Agents.

Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

A GENERAL desire having been expressed in favour of forming a Limited Company of the old established CHINA MARINE INSURANCE OFFICE, known as THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, it has been decided to constitute a New Office, to commence business on 1st January, 1

on Crown Lands. Sixty-six of these cases were opened before the Magistrates this morning, when formal evidence in the matter was given by Inspector Thomson, and they were remanded till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The *Vigilant*, 2, Despatch vessel, Lieutenant and Commander C. Lindsay, arrived here from Chusan this morning. She left Chusan at six o'clock on Tuesday morning, and reported that the Detached Squadron was to leave that port for Amoy, at nine o'clock on the same morning. It is expected that Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam will leave here for home by mail steamer for England on account of a recent illness from which he is but just recovered; and the squadron will probably disperse on arrival at Singapore, the several vessels finding their way home independently. The squadron will, we understand, leave Amoy to-morrow, and their arrival here may be expected on Monday next.

The following extract from the Temperance Union, as to the establishment of the Sailor's Rest in Shanghai, is of interest in connection with the correspondence published in our columns a short time ago:—

"The Sailor's Rest, we are glad to learn, is proving itself to be in fact what it is in name. During the week many of our leading residents have expressed their sympathy with the object by giving small donations to meet the expense largely incurred in adding a hall for public meetings. There can be no doubt the place is admirably situated for the object intended, and if discreetly conducted, will supply a place long needed in Hongkew; where Jack can get a cheap meal, pass a pleasant hour, and be free from the temptations of grog. We understand that a temporary meeting will be held there next Thursday, when residents and sailors will unite to make a pleasant opening. The Rev. G. Fitch will give an address."

Law Notice.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
(In Registrar's Chambers.)
IN BANKRUPTCY.—Saturday, 17th Dec., 11 a.m.—In the matter of Dhairamdas Dhumvall, a bankrupt, adjourned Dividend Meeting.

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour the Acting Puisne Judge, J. Russell, Esq.)

Friday, Dec. 16.

LUDACHIN v. STILWELL, (837).—Plaintiff in this case sued for \$37 as remuneration for work done in the defendant's studio. Defendant admitted \$22 of the claim, but said that this was too much for the work done. He had consulted his friends, and they were of opinion that the charge was excessive. His Lordship said he would ask Mr Alford to look at the work, and give him an estimate of how much it ought to cost. It was ultimately agreed that the case should be adjourned until Monday, so as to give defendant an opportunity of taking over and paying for the goods.

NO LIGHT OR PASS.
CHASTEL v. LAI PO, (\$100).—Plaintiff said that he had sold to defendant, on the 19th of October, 25 reams of printing paper at \$4 a ream, delivery to be paid within one month, and cash to be paid on delivery. Defendant denied the purchase, and said that all that was done was that he promised to take the paper if he had sufficient money to pay for it. It was ultimately agreed that the case should be adjourned until Monday, so as to give defendant an opportunity of taking over and paying for the goods.

ALAMDA CASTRO v. IP TSUN.—This case was adjourned from Monday 12th Dec. again came up. Inspector Cameron gave evidence as to the injury done to defendant to the fadings of the sea wall, and also the destruction of several large trees. Mr Wotton for the plaintiff said that the sum sued for had been mitigated from \$300 to \$100, but his Lordship declined to give judgment in the matter until Mr Ford had made an estimate as to the value of the trees destroyed.

IN BANKRUPTOK.
(Before the Hon. F. Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

IN THE CASE OF FERDINAND ALBERT CARL HAHN.
The final examination of this bankrupt was adjourned last week so as to enable evidence to be heard as to certain items which he had set down in his accounts on the second examination which on the first he had not entered, (money paid or due to Mr Peter Smith who holds a bill of sale over the furniture, &c.). The Registrar to-day examined Mr and Mrs Smith as to the items, which were made up of loans, money paid for bankrupt, and charges for provisions, &c. His Lordship said their statements were satisfactory. Addressing the bankrupt, his Lordship said the Registrar had examined Mr and Mrs Smith, and they had given an account of the advances which was satisfactory to Mr Sangster, and therefore he (His Lordship) saw no reason why he should not allow the bankrupt to pass his final examination. The accounts showed that his method of carrying on business was not satisfactory at all. It seemed that he had carried it on the money advanced by Mr and Mrs Smith. He had got a lot of bad debts, and the result was that there were no assets worth speaking of. His Lordship did not see that any advantage could be derived from not allowing him to pass his last examination, therefore he could pass it now, but the must assist in every possible way in getting in the estate, and his services must be at the disposal of Mr Sangster.

Police Intelligence.
(Before H. H. Weddell, Esq.)

Friday, Dec. 16.

CROWN PROPERTY.

Philip Arthur, seaman of H. M. S. *Abercrombie*, was charged with the unlawful possession of two pairs of cloth trousers on the 15th instant.

Chin Tung Fong, a laborer residing at No. 163 Queen's Road, East, and the two pairs of trousers in Court were his property. He identified them by the shop which was in them. They were worth \$10.

Chen Lai Shu, a tailor in the employ of the witness, said that yesterday afternoon four or five sailors came into the shop and said they wanted to make some purchases. They looked at a lot of things, but after a time they left without buying anything.

Lee on the defendant case by himself

and offered a pair of new trousers for sale. He wanted \$3 for them, but witness would not deal. He then brought out two pairs and offered them for \$5. On witness examining the trousers, he found his master's chop upon them, and he retained possession of the trousers, telling defendant to come back at six o'clock when he would receive payment for them, as the master was then out. Defendant coming back at that hour, his master told him that he must give up the two pairs of trousers or he would be given into custody. This he refused to do, and a policeman was sent for.

The trousers were first missed about three o'clock, soon after the first visit of the sailors. They were intended for some American sailors, and it was when they were taken to them that they were missed. Witness had no difficulty in identifying defendant as one of the men who came on the first occasion. He pretended that he was drunk when. Witness did not know whether the other sailor who came the first time had anything to do with this affair.

P. C. 3, John Lyons, said he was sent to first witness's shop yesterday evening in company with the defendant. When they arrived there he pointed to a pair of English-made trousers and said they were

much resembling a pair that belonged to him. He had previously said at the station that the two pairs of trousers he had tried to sell were English made and he could point them out. He could not swear to the trousers he had pointed out, but he said they were like his. He looked about the shop, but could not find any English-made trousers, although there was American cloth trousers and said they did not want to buy them. These he declined to take as they were not the trousers he had left there. The ones he took to the shop were English made, but he told him they had no English-made clothes in the shop.

Constable Lyons, recalled, said he had searched the shop carefully but could find no English cloth trousers there except the ones which defendant said resembled his.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. ALFORD.
Surveyor, &c., &c.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LAND MANIA IN HONGKONG.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1881.

SIR,—On the 26th of May last had the pleasure to address you on the above subject; and in the course of my remarks cast some doubts upon the reliability of the land sales reported as then taking place, and questioned the permanency of the rapid strides property was then said to be made.

I need not remind you that the views which I then expressed were seriously held in question shortly after, that an official list correcting in some particular that which you had published and which I had ventured to criticize, was printed in the *Government Gazette* of 4th June, and the view was enunciated on high authority, that the advance was real and permanent. Such is not, I regret to say, the experience of the present time, and the following note of two land sales by Public Auction which took place this afternoon are both interesting and instructive.

(1) Sub-section No. 1 of Section D. of

Inland lot 202, situated in Queen's Road and Jervois Street, containing 1,383 square feet more or less, was bought in the sum of \$36,500. It was sold to Mr. H. M. S. *Vigilant* for \$30,000, showing a clear loss of \$16,000 or 41%. Land in a worse situation was sold a few weeks since at \$16,00 per foot; and sold to-day was bought at \$26,000 and sold at \$14,000 per foot.

(2) Inland Lot 22, situated at the bottom of West Street, Tai-ping-shan, and with instant's notice of Queen's Road, was bought a few months since for \$18,000 and sold to-day at \$9,500. It contains 1,620 square feet more or less, and was bought at \$11,00 per square foot and sold for \$6,000, giving a clear loss of \$8,500 or 47%.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. ALFORD.
Surveyor, &c., &c.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

Some unusual occurrence must have taken place on board the steamer *Nouvelle Bretagne*, belonging to the new Colony of Marquis de Rais (Port Broton), as when the vessel was about to leave Manila for Port Broton via Mariana, she was ordered by the authorities of Binondo to be detained.

According to the *El Comercio*, the passengers who were on board for both parties were subsequently landed. What was the cause of the detention was, is not yet known, but we shall hear soon about the matter.

The typhoon seems to be reluctant to cease for the year 1881. On the 10th the Rev. Father Faure observed a fall in the barometrical column; although nothing alarming could be predicted at the time, the falling barometer caused some surprise. Yesterday (11th) the instrument was still falling; the observations of the Rev. Father Faure were to the following effect. The day broke with signs of an approaching typhoon from the E.S.E. In view of this, two were sent abroad to avoid disaster, which might occur on such occasions. The wind was steady from N. and N.E. during the whole day, but the barometer was very irregular in its movements. At 7 p.m. the Barometer was falling rapidly, and between 10 and 12 midnight it fell so rapidly that something like a fall of 2 millimeters was observed each hour. The wind by this time was blowing with violence from N.W. with oscillations to N.W. and N.E., and continued in this direction till 4 o'clock in the morning of the 12th, when it rapidly veered to E. and E.S.E., when the Barometer began to rise. The wind never reached hurricane force, though there were gales, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. of the 12th of 30 meters per second. The vortex of the typhoon passed to the South of Manila, but the wind was still considerable, consequently the provinces which will suffer most are those to the South, up to Batangas and Tayabas, the quantity of water collected in the pluviometers was 70 millimetres. The steamers *Zelotes* and *Sorogen*, whose arrival was expected, the former on the 10th, and the latter on the 11th, have not yet turned up. They probably have taken refuge in some of the neighbouring bays.

Another typhoon in the same employ also identified the steamer by the chop upon the shop, but he was not certain if defendant was one of the party who first came to the shop and looked at a lot of things.

Defendant H. C. Martin of the *Albatross*, said defendant's character on board was "fair" but not "good." He had several times been suspected of larceny and it had never been proved against him.

Defendant made another statement in which he said he had never been suspected of larceny until he joined the *Albatross*. A man named Churchill made the trousers, and they were of opinion that the charge was excessive. His Lordship said he would ask Mr Alford to look at the work, and give him an estimate of how much it ought to cost. It had been done, and it was only a question of what was fair charge. In the afternoon, after professional opinion had been got, plaintiff was awarded \$23.

Sentence—Six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

DRUGS AND INCAPABLES.

Frederick Metz, a seaman unemployed at Manila from Hongkong on the 10th December in ballast.

The German barque *Arab* arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 12th December.

The British steamer *Hentig* left Manila for Shanghai on the 12th December.

The American ship *Lucifer* left Manila for New York on the 12th December.

An Indian went to a Chinese shoemaker's shop on the morning of the 12th December to offer for sale a lottery ticket of the next drawing. The Chinaman, sensibly enough, went to one of the lottery shops near to see if the ticket was a true one; upon this the Chinaman was taken away. The ticket, on comparison with others, was found to be a fraud. It bears the number 16940.

China.

AMOY.

The inhabitants of Cheng-ah-beh in the neighbourhood of Amoy celebrated their annual procession on Saturday the 10th instant. Many people from Amoy congregrated there.

The Revenue Cruiser *Ling Feng* arrived yesterday from the South Cape of Formosa with Mr. W. B. Russell, Commissioner of Customs.

The following circular issued by R. J. Forrest, Esq., H. B. M. Consul at this port, was sent round on Saturday afternoon:—

"A general wish having been expressed that some welcome should be offered on behalf of the Foreign Community of Amoy to the officers of the Flying Squadron shortly expected here and of the vessels of war present in port, a general Meeting of the members of the Community is requested to be held at the Club House on Monday evening, the 12th instant at 6 p.m. to take

the matter into consideration."

The Revenue Cruiser *Ling Feng*, Captain Palmer, left this morning (13th) for the South Cape of Formosa.

A circular was sent round to-day (13th) by Mr. De Westley Leyton that according to instructions from M. L. Coote de Fourtale, French Consul at Foochow, the French Vice Consulate to Senior Don T. Loceno, Spanish Consul-General at this port.

XINGFO.

December 10th.

We are having a visit from one of the Princes, who went into the City yesterday to see the Pagoda and other interesting objects that are worthy of a visit. Probably the officers of the two ships will go to visit some of the stone-carvers on the south side of the river, who are doing some work to go abroad."

Some friends are interesting themselves in having meetings with the men from the ships, and it is to be hoped a meeting of subscribers will be held to elect some gentlemen who have kindly consented to serve on the Committee. It will at least be more

satisfactory to the gentlemen themselves, and an encouragement to others who have refused to subscribe on the ground that they did not know how the money was expended.

The authorities at Tai-chou have behaved shot in that district for pirates:

Yesterday morning at about 11 o'clock Royal Highness Prince Edwarward arrived here in H. M. S. *Vigilant*, which was accompanied by H. M. S. *Foxhound*. They anchored opposite the British Consulate, and during the forenoon H. B. M. Consul and other officials paid their respects to His Royal Highness. In the afternoon he visited the city and the pagoda accompanied by Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, Lord Charles Scott, Mr Allen and others, and in the evening was entertained with the officers of H. M. S. *Vigilant* at the British Consulate.

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through he will probably leave for Peking soon. The Russian Minister arrived by the 1st of this morning.

Four of the "Dogs of War" are tied up to the Bund for our protection during the winter, representing as many nationalities, viz., American, Russian, French and Chinese. We understand that Great Britain is also to be represented.

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THE OPIUM TRADE IN CHINA DURING 1880.

Mr. Acheson, in his report on the Trade of China for 1880, thus speaks of Opium:

"The disposal of Opium is one of the great questions of the day in Europe. It is still undecided, and steadily growing more and more urgent. Shall we allow it to run wild, pollute rivers, injure health, and destroy fish, or shall we utilize it—improve land, increase its revenue? And if the latter, what method shall we employ?"

This subject has for some time been occupying the attention of the legislators of the island Colony. Built on the slope of a steep hill, the application of the drainage and cloaca system would, no doubt, be a remarkably easy one in Hongkong. The Colony has moreover an Ordinance after the model of such as England and Colonial Surgeons, however, appear from time to time to have attempted to force our Western ideas upon the natives of the island of Fragrant Streams. An underground network of drains and sewers would, necessarily, compel the Chinese to build their houses and modify their domestic arrangements in accordance.

It is a remarkable fact, however, if true, that the only fatal case of typhoid fever that has occurred there during the last few years has been in European built houses with water-closets, and that the Chinese seem to be entirely free from this affection. During 1877-78 and '79 according to the Colonial Surgeon's reports, eight cases of typhoid fever occurred, and all were Europeans. Other forms of sickness are also attributed to sewer-gas and water-closets, and these also appear to have been confined mainly to the Europeans.

The Chinese have used their well-known and primitive system from time immemorial. The great value of manure for agricultural purposes, and the poverty and density of the population, have rendered this method both possible and profitable. In China, foreigners, we may say, are absolutely free from the dangers which are too well known to attend our cloacal and drainage system. By the transference of gases from house to house and place to place by bursting, leakage and absorption, the ground is contaminated; the air of our houses visited and our water-supply in constant danger of being poisoned; and these dangers are all the greater from being concealed and beyond individual control.

At home at the present day we have the irrigationists and precipitators fighting for the mastery. As all the ammonium compounds are soluble, precipitation may be said not to exist, so that the question resolves itself into one of filtration through the soil and growing vegetation, "or" by means of chemical reagents such as charcoal, lime, etc. Which of these agents can intercept and remove organic matters most completely and profitably? Irrigation by direct utilization and through it of depuration is unquestionably the best, and the water from such sewage may be safely discharged into rivers and there left to

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF
BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

AERO.
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 19th of December, 1881, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *Djemna*, Commandant de Bousseuil Baron, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 18th December.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 18th December, 1881. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1881. dec19



Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a *Visitors' Column*, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a *SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY*, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall; Library (3,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat, and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's-throw.

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Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

Ss. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road I.A.

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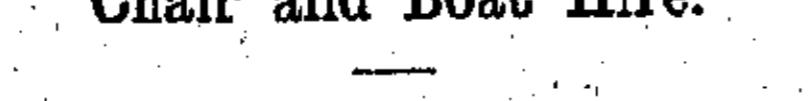
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For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, PLAZA CENTRAL, West Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1881. dec23



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Registration, None.

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DEC. 16, 1881.

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